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In re Application of:

STEVEN F. SCHEIFERS, ET AL.

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Title: METHOD AND CHEMISTRY FOR
AUTOMATIC SELF-JOINING OF
FAILURES IN POLYMERS

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